GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

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EMPLOYEES STATE INSURANCE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial workers covered under Employees` State Insurance Scheme in Karnataka and the percentage of increase in coverage taking place during the last three years;

(b) the location of ESI hospitals and dispensaries in Karnataka as on date and those proposed to be set up during 2000-2001;

(c) whether the Government propose to upgrade or modernise some of the hospitals/dispensaries in Karnataka;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds likely to be incurred for the purpose; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) : The employees drawing wages beyond Rs.6,500/- per month are not covered under the ESI Scheme.Due to general increase in wages, many employees gradually went out of the purview of the ESI Scheme and consequently the number of employees covered under the ESI Scheme came down from 6,48,550 in March, 1998 to6,44,050 in March, 2000 registering a decrease of 0.69% during the last three years.

(b) : There are nine ESI hospitals i.e., one each at Rajajinagar, Indiranagar, Dandeli, Davangare, Hubli,Mysore, Mangalore, Shahbad and Belgaum in Karnataka. The information relating to ESI dispensaries district-wise is annexed.There is no proposal from the Government of Karnataka for opening of a new ESI hospital/dispensary during 2000-2001.

(c) to (e) : The ESI Corporation has formulated an action plan to improve medical care facilities in theESI hospitals by providing them modern equipments of Ultrasonography, Pulse Oxymeter, auto analyzer, semi-auto analyzer, cardiac monitor, dental unit etc. The Corporation has also planned establishment of trauma centres, super-speciality centres, blood banks, Cancer Treatment Centres etc. in the E S Ihospitals. Necessary basic equipments as per demand of the State Government are sanctioned for all the ESI dispensaries. The ESIC has already sanctioned an amount of Rs.136.56 lakh for upgradation and modernization of medical services in 7 ESI hospitals in karnataka.